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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

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Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English summary of the non-English document EP 0 082 433 is enclosed.

Additionally, EP 0 082 433 is believed to be related to US Patent Nos. 5,009,824 and 4,720,343, also listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08.

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